

# **Appleby Road Reserve Playground Concept**

## **Community Consultation Findings**

August 2017

## 1. Introduction

This report summarises the community consultation undertaken on the draft concept plan for the development of the Appleby Road Reserve in Morphettville.

Appleby Road Reserve is located at 40 Appleby Road, Morphettville, SA 5043.

The Appleby Reserve Playground is being created to complement the renewal of housing in the area by the South Australian Government and is design to Councils neighbourhood level of service.

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In developing the Morphettville Neighbourhood Renewal Project, Renewal SA and the City of Marion are partnering to develop a design concept for the Appleby Reserve Playground.

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## 2. Consultation Program

The purpose of the engagement was to inform the community on the draft playground concept plan for the Appleby Road Reserve and seek their feedback. The consultation survey was open for 3 weeks, from 26 June 2017 to 17 July 2017.

The survey was made available on line at [www.makingmarion.com.au/applebyreserve](http://www.makingmarion.com.au/applebyreserve)

The survey was conducted in the following ways:

- A hard copy flyer was delivered to 1280 households within 400m radius of the reserve
- Social media posts were placed on the City of Marion Facebook page.

## 3. Consultation Overview

Community members were invited through the online survey to provide feedback on the draft concept plan for the Appleby Road Reserve.

During this 3-week consultation period Council received a total of 31 responses.

A summary of the responses to each question is provided within this report. Responses have been listed as worded by the respondent. For privacy reasons, respondents' details have not been included.

## 4. Consultation Findings

Overall, the draft concept plan for the Appleby Road Reserve has been well received by the community and responses were very constructive. In total, 83.9% either Strongly Support or Support the proposed draft concept.

The following table illustrates the key findings from consultation and design review/response which are reflected in the final design. The playground design represents a neighbourhood level of service. This defines the typical pallet of asset allocation and budget of \$250k.

<b>Key Theme</b>	<b>Final design review/response</b>
Lack of toilet facility	Council's current neighbourhood service levels for playgrounds does not include toilet facilities. Nearby public toilet facilities are located at Hendrie Street Reserve and Oaklands Estate Reserve
Fencing to the playground	The existing playground does not have fencing. Proposed garden beds and distance to Appleby Rd acts as a buffer. Fencing will be located along the Sturt River corridor western side of the reserve.
Provision of Outdoor Gym equipment	Council's current service levels for this reserve do not include fitness equipment. Renewal SA and Council will review allocation for potential future inclusion within the reserve as part of the open space contribution funding.
Play equipment to suit a wide range of age group/ variety of equipment	An alternative piece of equipment is proposed in the final design to provide diversity of age group activities and differing degree of challenge.

Retain/ replace existing Flying Fox	Existing equipment is coming to its end of life (26 years old) The equipment requires removal to ensure the safety of the community. A flying fox such as the one at Glade Crescent requires sufficient land for fall zones, this is not available at Appleby as spatial allocation is limited due to tree protection zones.
Traffic and parking along Appleby Road	Ongoing monitoring of traffic and review of requirements will be considered with the Renewal SA development.
Include native, biodiversity planting	Groundcover and tree planting has been included in the surrounding the playground and facilities.  Renewal SA and Council as part of the Morphetville open space contribution will consider additional native plantings along the Sturt River corridor within Appleby Reserve. These works will be resolved separately to the playground development.
Value nature and existing vegetation	Council's arborist and biodiversity officer have identified tree protection zones and grassland for retention. These have informed the final design. Detail design and contract administration will ensure these zones are protected.
Pathways	The Sturt River shared use path is programmed for renewal. The path will follow the existing path alignment to limit impacts on trees and native grassland.
Graffiti/ vandalism	Ongoing monitoring  Internal review of maintenance schedule  Detail design to limit graffiti on infrastructure
Provision of dog water bowl	Final design includes a drinking fountain and dog water bowl in an appropriate location.
Irrigated turf	Renewal SA and Council will review extent for inclusion within the reserve as part of the open space contribution funding. Area for irrigation will be constrained by tree protection zones and native grassland.
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and risk assessment	Final design considers control of dogs and bi-laws, accessibility, CPTED principles.  Safety in design report will be developed and reviewed by the project team during the detail design phase.
Shade sails	Renewal SA and Council as part of the Morphetville open space contribution will consider shade sails over play equipment. These works will be resolved separate to the playground development.

BBQ

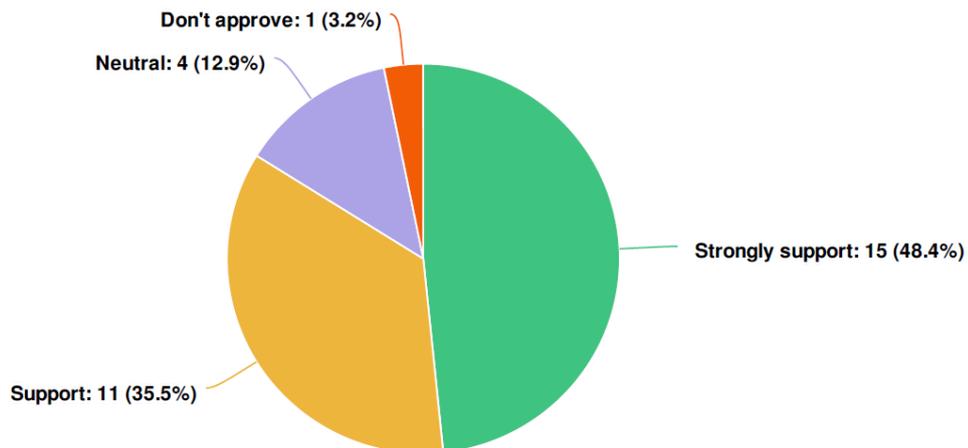
A neighbourhood level playground can include a BBQ within the service levels. Given the proposed Morphettville renewal development is for medium density housing, a social gathering space for the local community with appropriate facilities is warranted. The final design includes a BBQ.

## 5. Summary of feedback received

- The Making Marion online survey opened on 26 June 2017, with a closing date of 17 July 2017.
- A total of 51 visits were recorded to the projects Making Marion web page where survey tools including the Draft Concept and Precedent Images were available for viewing.
- A total of 31 responses to the survey were received.

Detailed below in this report are the results of this survey. A hard copy of the survey can be found in Attachment 1.

**Q1 Overall, what is your level of support for the draft concept of the reserve playground?**



### Summary of results:

The pie chart above illustrates that 15 (48.4%) of the 31 respondents strongly support the proposed draft concept. An additional 11 (35.5%) respondents support the concept with only 1 person (3.2%) not approving.

Overall, 83.9% of the respondents support or strongly support the Appleby Road Reserve upgrade.

## Q2. What do you like most about the draft concept design for this playground?

### Summary of results:

The following question provided an opportunity for respondents to voice their opinion about what they liked the most about the draft design.

The majority of residents welcomed the upgrade with positive feedback. Out of the 31 respondents, 9 of them mentioned that they approved the incorporation of the water play area. Four respondents felt that the upgrade of irrigated turf was appealing to the overall aesthetics.

Various comments were made around the playground and park facilities, including; seating, picnic table, BBQ, drinking fountain, upgrade to the existing 3 on 3 Basketball court and the playground swings. The residents felt that these would contribute to the upgrade being pleasing and inviting for the young families.

Some of the positive comments included:

- *“Looks unique and exciting for young kids and families”.*
- *“Everything! Especially that it is going to be across the road from us....my children are ecstatic!”.*
- *“The entire concept. My long term desire would be for the Sturt Creek to become a beautiful linear walkway for everyone to enjoy”.*

### Comments were:

- Looks unique and exciting for young kids and families.
- The new seating, compacted rubble on paths rather than all concrete paving.
- Well done on the draft concept design. I support the proposal and particularly like:
  - the water play elements
  - the new supporting infrastructure such as seats, picnic table, bbq
  - the new play equipment (noting my comments to Question 3)
  - the natural elements, particularly the river red gums and native grasses
  - the areas of irrigated turf
- Everything! Especially that it is going to be across the road from us...my children are ecstatic! I love the water play, bbqs and playground.  
Would love to see the exercise equipment for adults to use. Lots of joggers along the track would also appreciate the free public gym equipment.
- Water play.
- In the overall concept of the playground, I am most pleased with the water aspect incorporated on the design; however, judging by the graffiti on the cement embankment of the Sturt Creek, I wonder whether stainless steel furniture would be the go, as the paint would easily be removed with a wipe of a solvent cloth. The overall design is pleasing and inviting for the young families you would be cater for.
- Incorporation of water play.
- Its close, walking distance.
- Need more variety of equipment for the younger ones to play on. Area is too small.
- Adding some visual appeal and usability to the open space at the reserve.
- Layout is well designed.
- The entire concept. My long-term desire would be for the Sturt Creek to become a beautiful linear walkway for everyone to enjoy.

- It looks very good.
- Turf area surrounded by trees where old equipment was.
- Turf area, new basketball court.
- Much improved on what is currently there!
- Nature play area.
- Looks good for families with older kids.
- Water play feature.
- Water play area.
- Water play.
- The irrigated turf because currently the whole area is covered by dirt and weeds. It would be nice to see some gym equipment for the young adults that live in the area too.
- Interesting layout with paths and walkways. Barbecue facilities and play equipment. Love the irrigated turf; it will be so nice to see the weeds turned into a useable surface!
- Water play, irrigated lawn area.
- Strongly support the maintaining and improvement of the netball/basketball court, the drinking fountain and four swings, including the baby swing. Including a bbq area will make it more family friendly. I encourage the council to retain as many existing trees as possible.
- The natural-looking aspects e.g. log steppers, playground, etc.
- Shade, play area.
- The shade covering equipment.
- Natural look and feel. Love there is play equipment and courts so can be for a broad range in age. Love the quad swing for more to enjoy at a time. Is one a double for mum and bub (similar to the one at Pt Noarlunga) or a wheelchair one?
- Simply the upgrading of what is a rundown area.

The respondents had an opportunity to record their postcode at the end of the survey. Twenty-four of the thirty-one respondents indicated that they lived in the neighbouring area, recording postcode 5043 as the majority. This would indicate that nearby residents have engaged with the online community consultation and overall, they are supportive of the playground and park facilities upgrade at Appleby Road Reserve.

***Q3. Please identify any areas of concern that you might have with the current design.***

The following question allowed residents to voice their concerns for the proposed draft design, these comments were:

- Would be good to see a permanent dog water bowl installed there, like the one found in the nearby McKeller St Park as I have seen people leaving ice-cream containers by the taps here, presumably for this purpose.
- This area has a canopy of old established native trees that are a biodiversity asset for this area. I believe it also has significant importance as an area of Kaurana heritage. I would like to see the existing features of this park complemented and recognised both in the design and also the design process itself.

Design process: The process seems to be narrowly focused on 'development' as a 'playground'. I would like to see your consultation processes incorporate the higher order values of biodiversity and conservation as expressed in your strategic plan. At the moment it seems to reduce all possible uses of open space down to a single objective - managing play areas which need to be 'constructed'.



For example, Liveable: how does this design recognise and celebrate the cultural heritage of this site, particularly the Kurna heritage or the history of the river itself? How will scar trees or significant trees be protected? If this is missing, please address it. If this has been considered, please say so in the design.

Valuing nature: how does this design connect people to nature? Is nature in a water pump winder? Or is it in the natural elements that are already in the park? What does this do to actually enhance and improve remaining biodiversity in our open space areas?

Design itself: Biodiversity plantings could be incorporated beneath the existing tree cover to improve the health of those trees that still exist. Will all existing tree cover be maintained? Will new plantings be local native species? If this has not been addressed, please address it. If it has been addressed in your plan, please say so.

I'd like to see the pathways narrowed and planting beds to be added, particularly where they are adjacent to the existing fence line near the creek. I'd also like to see local native species planted along line bike/walking pathways to add shade and biodiversity benefits.

I hope I have been direct rather than disrespectful in my feedback. This is one of my favourite parks in Marion, so I thank you for the chance to comment.

- 1) Quad Swing - it is great to see that four swings are proposed. The current two youth/large swings are heavily used by the community, and the provision of toddler swings is also needed. The image of the quad swing however, indicates that there is a toddler and youth swing on a smaller frame and a toddler and youth swing on a larger frame. I would strongly suggest that:
  - on the larger frame there needs to be the two youth/large swings
  - on the smaller frame there need to be the two toddler swings

The reason being that youth currently like to swing together side by side on the larger swings.

2) The linear nature of this reserve would lend itself perfectly to a large flying fox (similar to what is provided at Glade Crescent, Hallett Cove). The reserve is currently used by a lot of teenagers and I believe this would have more appeal than the proposed bushwood play structure.

3) I support the areas of irrigated turf and would request that the northern irrigated turf area shown on the concept extends to approximately property 25 Appleby Road (where the reserve is still a reasonable width), to enable the space to be large enough to kick a ball and to make this a usable space. The concept plan does not currently show the extent of this irrigated turf area.

- As Appleby road is a narrow, dead end street, the only thing that concerns me is parking. Please put adequate signage to warn drivers of the dead end as it is a bit of a blind corner.
- No toilets. We live the net street over and love going here please don't get rid of the flying fox. Make it age appropriate for most ages.
- Graffiti!
- Bike racks closer to shared path next to river. Interface with river could be considered more
- Toilet? Bigger slide swing set.
- Consider risk assessment for:
  - Appleby Road Traffic
  - Sturt River

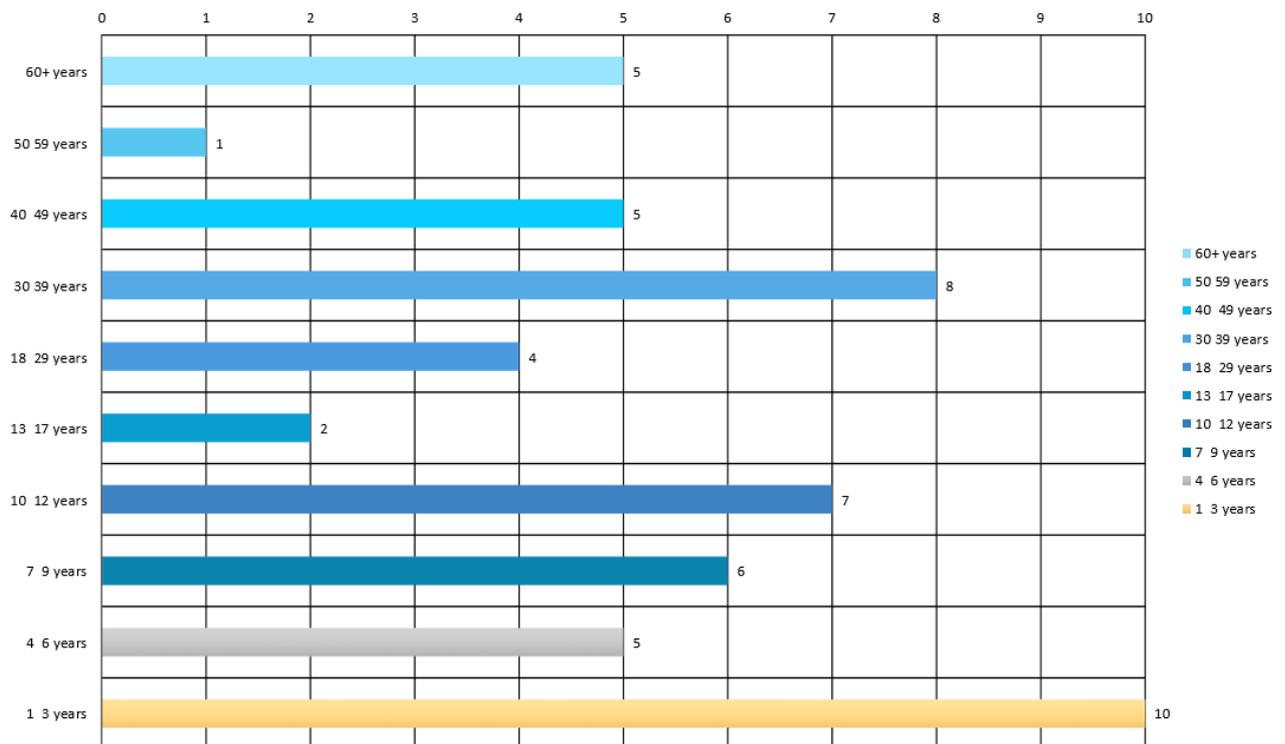
- Cycle/Pedestrian Pathway
- Control of Dogs
- Out of control vehicles
- Smoking, drinking and drugs
- Drinking Fountain (not shown except in legend)
- Toilet
- Vandalism
- Area Lighting
- Would be good to see an enclosed dog recreation area, or at least fencing along the roadside to stop dogs getting out.
- What's the point of the BBQ area? The park is situated close enough to the users' homes that a BBQ is obsolete. Could I suggest no BBQ and an extra undercover seating area, so more than one group can sit down in the area. The land also slopes downwards toward the road. Turning the basketball area anti-clockwise 45 degrees could prevent balls from missing the ring and rolling onto the road.
- Will this be a wheelchair friendly/accessible area? Will dogs still be allowed near there?
- There are no provisions for toilets in the design, you want people to use the facility then toilets should be considered.
- I'm concerned that trees will be removed and the basketball court will not be upgraded
- Removal of trees, and no plan to put in extra trees along Appleby road
- None that I can see.
- The playground needs to be fully or partially fenced. Especially near the road.
- Enclosed fencing is a must for smaller children, especially right next to the creek. Doesn't seem to be enough things for small kids to do. Please make sure there is shade over any of the kids play equipment as many of the other new parks are seriously lacking in this and we can't comfortably visit in warm/hot weather so have to go elsewhere. Must have shaded seating for parents close by with space for prams beside.
- It should be fenced, with shaded seating inside the fenced play area. Skip the feature wall to fund the fencing.
- A flying fox would be great, a rock climbing wall and hills built in for kids to roll down.
- It is only focused on children. It would be nice for there to be gym equipment.
- No facilities for adults in the immediate area. Some outdoor park gym equipment including a chin-up bar would be great considering the future plans for the area. There isn't anything like this until south of the railway line, some 2.5 kilometres away.
- Play structure too small
- Currently the flying fox, monkey bars and fireman pole are the favourite play equipment of my two granddaughters. This play equipment is suited to a wider range of ages than the play equipment currently on the plan. I would encourage the council to keep the above mentioned equipment for the older children, particularly as the flying fox and monkey bars have been removed from a majority of other parks in the area.
- Water use - where is the water going to be sourced from? Is it a sustainable/environmentally friendly source?
- Lack of toilet will mean not practical place for extended outing with kids and BBQ unlikely to be utilised for that reason.
- There doesn't seem to be much for younger children e.g. toddlers. Can there be a little bike track or a little wooden platform maze that is not far off the ground
- You have a BBQ to encourage people to stay longer but no bathroom facility. Also bin location near the BBQ/seating would be better than the opposite side, I understand it's extremely code however we often still see people leaving things on a table if hands are full

and is too far/hard to get to, also a reason why another bin would good, possibly near the courts/seat section.

Also hope playground has in mind young walking toddlers that need extra safety and to the older kids that still love a climb and play

- No apparent access along the linear path without passing through the playground. Widen the ground at that point by extending the river fence to the river to allow north south corridor passage without passing through the play area. In particular, a large number of people enjoy walking their dogs off-lead along this corridor and it would be sensible to allow some passage away from the play area.

**Q4. What age group are you / and or your children that will use this reserve/playground?**



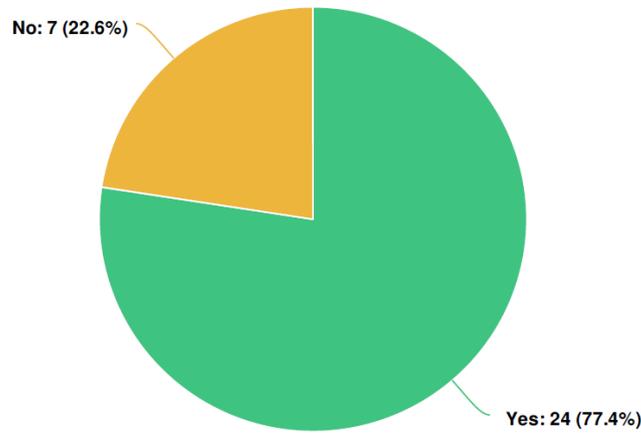
**Summary of results:**

The bar graph above indicates that the two highest age groups that would most likely be visiting the reserve would be between the ages of 1 – 3 years, with 10 respondents selecting this option and 8 respondents choosing the 30 – 39 years age bracket. This would suggest that majority of the age groups visiting Appleby Road Reserve are parents with their young children.

The two groups that appear to be visiting the least would be the category of 50 – 59 years, with only one respondent selecting this category and two respondents selecting the 13 – 17 years age bracket.

In conclusion, the mean for the recorded data is 5.4. This would suggest that the Appleby Road Reserve would be a reserve that would be utilised across all ages.

**Q5. Would you like to be kept informed of the progress of the playground?**



**Summary of results:**

The pie graph above indicates that the majority of residents, who contributed to the online survey, would like to receive an update on the progress of the playground upgrade. Twenty-four respondents (77.4%) have provided their contact details, including email addresses and one telephone number.

## 6. Social Media Post

There was a strong engagement on social media with individual post reaching over 10, 000 people. Facebook posts and statistics are provided below.

**Date of Post:** 4 July 2017

**City of Marion** added 2 new photos.  
Published by Lizzi Wigmore [?] · July 4 at 3:58pm · 🌐

Who wants a new playground in Morphettville? Give us your feedback on the proposed design for Appleby Reserve which includes new paving, picnic shelter, benches, picnic table, electric BBQ, bins, new play structures, landscaping trees and water play.

Council plans to remove the old equipment and commence construction of the new playground in October this year and complete the work by December.

Find out more about the project which is in partnership with Renewal SA at: [www.marion.sa.gov.au/appleby-reserve](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/appleby-reserve)




**10,512** People Reached

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**86** Reactions, Comments & Shares

<b>50</b> Like	<b>39</b> On Post	<b>11</b> On Shares
<b>1</b> Love	<b>1</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>31</b> Comments	<b>23</b> On Post	<b>8</b> On Shares
<b>4</b> Shares	<b>1</b> On Post	<b>3</b> On Shares

**627** Post Clicks

<b>275</b> Photo Views	<b>19</b> Link Clicks	<b>333</b> Other Clicks
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**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

<b>5</b> Hide Post	<b>2</b> Hide All Posts
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10,512 people reached

Boost Post

40

16 Comments 1 Share



this will be handy right near the back

carpark at work 😊

Like · Reply · Message · 2 · July 4 at 5:48pm



We can go play at lunch lol

Like · Reply · Message · 2 · July 4 at 5:53pm



shotgun swing!!

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 6:02pm



And we can have a bbq

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 6:06pm



Oh wow! How handy would that be 😊

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 7:33pm



Write a reply...



Yes, please consider placement of trees and structures in relation to the sun in summer in particular.

For all future playgrounds and reserves.

There's no point having shaded garden areas when people want to sit on shaded grass or shaded benches, etc.... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · Message · 2 · July 4 at 4:48pm



Definitely a great idea - if there could be playground equipment to suit both toddlers & older children that would be great. I also love the idea of fruit trees used.

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 6:57pm



The playground at the zoo is awesome but its a distraction for the kids from the animals it frustrating build something like that one please!

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 5:42pm



Can we maybe also add a few more things to the one off Kellett reserve Morphettville?

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 7:28pm



Please take into the consideration of the sun during the day when you place the equipment. The majority of Mulcra Ave play equipment has no protection from the sun in summer ... but hey it looked good on paper ...!!

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 4:35pm

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Would be awesome... I grew up there visiting my Nan and Pop in Nunyah and this would be great for the area 😊

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 10:28pm



Yes please! That playground is well in need of a makeover! Please fence it in!

Like · Reply · Message · 1 · July 4 at 6:35pm



near your digs and worth your input?

Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 7:17pm



Certainly is! Brett, bigger playground please

Like · Reply · Message · 1 · July 4 at 8:49pm



Write a reply...



Something for older kids would be good

Like · Reply · Message · 1 · July 4 at 4:35pm



It's a good idea

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Sounds great!

Like · Reply · Message · July 5 at 8:59am



Like · Reply · Message · 1 · July 4 at 6:07pm



Like · Reply · Message · July 5 at 7:26am



Like · Reply · Message · July 5 at 7:19am



leck yes!!!! Please, there are no good playgrounds within walking distance from us.. - except the school..

Like · Reply · Message · July 5 at 7:25am



know!! Would be amazing!

Like · Reply · Message · July 5 at 7:25am



Write a reply...



Like · Reply · Message · July 4 at 4:59pm

Write a comment...



**City of Marion**  
Published by Lizzi Wigmore [?] · July 13 at 5:03pm · 🌐

This is the current Appleby Reserve in Morphettville. A reminder to have your say about the new playground planned for this site which includes new paving, picnic shelter, benches, picnic table, electric BBQ, bins, new play structures, landscaping trees and water play. Fill out a survey here: [www.makingmarion.com.au/applebyreserve](http://www.makingmarion.com.au/applebyreserve)



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 Grt news  
Like · Reply · Message · July 13 at 9:26pm

We thank the community who took the time to provide their feedback and participate in the engagement process.

## Attachment 1: Copy of Hardcopy Survey and Concept plan

Community Survey - Help Shape this Space

### Appleby Road Reserve Playground



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In developing the Morphettville Neighbourhood Renewal Project, a landscape architect has been commissioned by Renewal SA to work with it and the City of Marion to develop a design concept for the Appleby Reserve Playground.

The proposed work will include new paving, picnic shelter, benches, picnic table, electric BBQ, bins, new play structures, landscaping trees and water play. Council plans to remove the old equipment and commence construction for the new playground in October and complete the work by December 2017.

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1. Overall, what is your level of support for the draft concept plan of the reserve playground?

5	4	3	2	1
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Don't approve	Strongly disapprove

2. What do you most like about the draft concept design for this playground?  
Please provide your comment.

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3. Please identify any areas of concern that you might have with the current design.

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4. What age group are you/ your children that will use this Reserve/ Playground?

- 1-3 years     4-6 years     7-9 years     10-12 years     13 – 17 years
- 18-29 years     30-39 years     40-49 years     50-59 years     60+ years



5. Would you like to be kept informed of the progress of the playground? Please provide your details below: (details will remain confidential)

Yes

No

Name:

Email:

Postcode:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey; and thank you to all those that have been involved in the reserve development process.

This survey can be completed on line at [makingmarion.com.au/applebyreserve](http://makingmarion.com.au/applebyreserve) or fill in this form and return to

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PO Box 21, Oaklands Park SA 5046

or

935 Marion Road Mitchell Park SA 5043